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LAGOON BOOST

'A fantastic step forward in the regeneration of the seafront - and a massive new draw for the town'

FANCY A DIP? Southend Councils Strategic Projects Manager Mark Murphy at the site of the lagoon under construction near the Three Shells Cafe

EXCITEMENT GROWS AS THE HEAVY WORK BEGINS AT THREE SHELLS SITE

By Pat Higgins

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WORK has started on Southend's seafront lagoon, which will ensure swimmers a dip in the sea - even when the tide is out.

"We are delighted that work has begun on this exciting project," said Mary Betson, executive councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development.

"It means that by this summer, beach-goers eager for a swim in the sea will no longer be held hostage to fortune by tides that can retreat by over a mile."

Cllr Betson said that Southend

welcomes around six million visitors a year and that the tourism economy supports around 7,000 jobs.

"The lagoon will make the sea accessible every day during the summer. This is another fantastic step forward in the regeneration of the seafront and a new major draw for the town," she added.

Contractors Marlboro have already sectioned off part of Three Shells Beach, where the football pitch-sized lagoon will be built.

They have constructed a concrete platform for the heavy machinery to be used during construction and have laid the first granite rocks.

Sheets of welded metal inside the rock walls will retain the seawater when the tide comes in, while rubberised material at the base of the wall will prevent silt and mud from entering and exiting the lagoon.

Valves will be installed in the wall so that the lagoon can be emptied and refilled, ensuring a high quality of regularly-replenished bathing water.

Marine Management Organisation (MMO), which approves developments on Britain's foreshore, gave the go-ahead earlier this year.

Under the plans, the ageing jetty at Three Shells Beach will be dis-

mantled and a new one provided further along the seafront.

Marc Miller, managing director of the Stockvale Group, a partner in the project, said: "We are excited to be part of the fantastic 'Three Shells Lagoon development', which will prove very popular for families as it includes toilet facilities, showers and landscaping.

"It will also provide a boost to local businesses, including Adventure Island, helping Southend to keep one step ahead of other resorts and giving visitors something to come back for."

The lagoon and jetty should be ready for this year's peak summer season.

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Mixed feelings for tenants as homes face wrecking ball

Tower blocks set to make way for 'new community'

By Greg Glynn

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HUNDREDS of residents face an uncertain future after Southend Council announced proposals to demolish four tower blocks.

Chiltern, Malvern and Pennine flats in Coleman Street, and Quantock flats, in Chichester Road, have each been listed as too expensive for refurbishment.

Officials said tenants will be rehoused "depending on their needs, with special accommodation given in certain circumstances".

Labour member for housing, Councillor David Norman, said a reprieve for the tower blocks is unlikely.

He said: "It is likely that they need to come down. This is a once in a generation opportunity to create a new community that Southend-on-Sea can be proud of."

The towers were built in the 1960s and have become a staple of the town's skyline.

Cllr Norman said their demolition would help planners to improve links to the town and infrastructure.

He said council officials aim to replace them with "greater spaces for the public" and improved housing.

The council first revealed in 2014 that the blocks were to be refurbished. But the estimated £30million cost led to a rethink.

Tenants have spoken of their concerns over where they will be placed during the works as there is already a



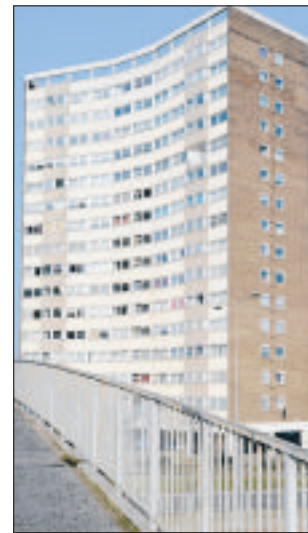
DEMOLITION: Malvern Chiltern, Quantock and Pennine tower blocks in Southend Photos by Mark Cleveland

shortage of council homes in the local authority area.

But others have welcomed the demolition. One said: "The sooner

they're gone the better."

Southend Council cabinet will sit again in June to decide on the next stage of the regeneration project.



KILLED: Nico Ramsay

Family pay tribute to stabbed teen

THE family of a teenager who died after being stabbed in Southend have described him as loyal and caring.

Nico Ramsay, 19, of Plaistow, east London, was found injured in Napier Avenue on Saturday, February 13 and was taken to hospital where he died on Wednesday, February 17.

His family said: "Nico was a lovely, good-natured, charismatic and humorous young man who had only just turned 19. He had a life full of hope and promise ahead of him."

"Nico was family-orientated, forever loyal and full of hope and ambition to do well. He was a caring and genuine young man who loved his brothers, nieces, nephews and cousin, always encouraging and supporting them to do well."

"In testament to his loyalty, Nico was with his girlfriend 'Gels' for more than seven years. Now we will never see Nico grow into an adult, see his children or see him open his own cafe."

"Nico battled and won childhood leukaemia, only to be taken away from us in the most horrific and tragic way possible."

"We watched helplessly on February 17 as his life ebbed away."

"We are completely heartbroken. We all miss his kind spirit, his sense of adventure and his cheeky smile."

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ESSEX CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

Children at centre of 'sex ring' denied counselling and became 'disturbed'

Mental scars of victims

EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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CHILDREN who did not receive appropriate care after disclosing abuse by a "sex ring" later developed mental health problems and took their own lives, whistleblowers have claimed.

Essex Police last week announced a probe into an alleged Shoebury paedophile ring "cover-up" in the 1980s/90s, after a *Yellow Advertiser* investigation resulted in three whistleblowers reporting concerns to the authorities.

Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh and Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston announced the investigation and called on victims to come forward.

Two whistleblowers – Rob West, who worked for young offenders' charity the Rainer Foundation, and psychologist and former NHS manager Robin Jamieson – said victims who were denied counselling became "disturbed", developed addictions and, in one case, went on to abuse children.

In May 1990, two men were convicted for their roles in what Essex County Council described in official documents as a "sex ring" targeting adolescent boys; Denis King, then aged 55 and living in Cunningham Close, Shoebury, and Brian Tanner, then 57 and living in Beedell Avenue, Westcliff.

Essex Police confirmed King was convicted of four counts of gross inde-



WHISTLEBLOWERS: Rob West, left, and Robin Jamieson Photos by Steve Neale
agency and three of attempted buggery, while Tanner was convicted of three counts of gross indecency and three of attempted buggery.

King was jailed for four years, Tanner for three. Tanner has since died and King no longer lives in Essex.

A report published weeks later by two charities – the Rainer Foundation and the Children's Society – said the handful of boys involved in the court case were "the tip of a large iceberg".

It said the number of victims could be as many as 80, aged 11 to their early 20s.

Anyone with information can call Essex Police on 101.

Specialist helplines for victims:

- National Association for People Abused in Childhood – 0808 801 0331.
- SERICC (south and west Essex) –

"The authors based their findings on assessments of 25 youngsters known to have visited King's flat.

But Mr West, who attended court with some alleged victims in 1990, said almost none received appropriate aftercare.

Mr West, now a probation officer, said Rainer received disclosures from 12 to 15 boys, but institutional failures meant only two were "case conferred" – a formal process which would have made the children eligible for counselling.

He said: "Even boys that were in court with me couldn't be case conferred – couldn't be seen as children in need and protected in formal ways.

"Only two people I know actually got case conferred. All the others either committed suicide, died of overdoses, or ended up on serious sentences.

"One became an abuser himself that I know of. Others are sleeping rough."

The 1990 Rainer Foundation/Children's Society report said the impact on the alleged victims was "enormous". It described how at least two attempted suicide, all suffered depression, some began self-harming, most were "exceptionally confused" about their sexuality, some graduated into the local rent boy scene and some began displaying abusive

behaviour towards younger children.

The report said local agencies struggled to come to terms with the situation and had offered a "patchy response".

Mr Jamieson said: "Over the next few years I knew that some of those children got a bit older and ended up in the mental health service. They were very damaged children."

Mr Alston said he felt "great sadness" at the troubled lives the victims had gone on to live.

He said: "There's an opportunity here to see whether any of those people are perhaps prepared to engage again, if not with police then a professional agency, to see whether there's anything, even at this stage, which can be done to help them."

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Bragg heads Village Green

THE first acts of the much loved boutique Village Green family festival have been announced.

This year's events takes place on July 9 in Chalkwell Park, Southend-on-Sea, and includes a mix of local and international talent from the worlds of literature, art and music.

Billy Bragg will headline the Riverside Stage. The Barking-bred hit-maker and political firebrand has previously curated Leftfield at Glastonbury.

Stereo MCs will also appear on the Riverside Stage. They have toured extensively and performed with bands such as U2, De La Soul and The Happy Mondays.

The Turbans hail from Turkey, Bulgaria, Israel, Iran, Italy, Greece and England, and their eclectic sound is an exciting mix of influences from all these regions with an anarchic punk energy mixed in.

They will be the Riverside Stage evening act.

Bringing a bit of cabaret to proceedings are the hilarious Dream Themes with their smorgasboard of terrestrial TV nostalgia.

Band member Rhodri



Picture: Andy Whale

LOCAL HERO Billy Bragg and Stereo MCs are heading to Chalkwell festival

Marsden said: "In keeping with the 'Village' theme, we're planning a full scale re-creation of the kids TV show Camberwick Green, with Paul (bass) playing the part of Windy Miller, me (keys) playing Dr Mopp, Rob (drums) playing Roger Varley The Sweep and Southend born Dicky (guitar) playing Captain Snort.

"If you're over the age of 40, it's going to provoke such massive nostalgia that you'll immediately burst into tears!"

Rising singer-songwriter star Sharon Rose from Southend will bring her soulful gospel voice to the Village Green Stage. Since winning Essex Undiscovered in 2015 with The Arcaves, Sharon has appeared on the X-Factor and is currently in the West End musical, Beautiful, which covers the life story of Carole King.

For the first time, the Village Green Artist's Village will feature eight visual artists creating works of art live on site at Chalkwell Park in the weeks leading up to the festival.

The artists will be offering installations, performances and 'interruptions' across the site - curated and led by Southend artist, Jon Kipps.

Sean McLoughlin, the Village Green festival director said: "This year's festival features some of the most eclectic international, national and regional talent. We are delighted to welcome back Mr Bragg to headline - he's regarded with admiration and affection in this neck of the woods.

Mr McLoughlin added there was still a "huge amount more in the pipeline" still to be announced.

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Pastime paradise

LOCAL history society Rayleigh Through the Looking Glass has transformed a dream into reality as it gets ready to open its Town Museum next month.

If you can for a moment divert your eyes from the offerings of a certain popular pizza restaurant, you can see that the museum has found a home on the first floor of Rayleigh's oldest secular building, 91 High Street.

"We have worked hard for this museum," said Mike Davies who chairs the history group. "I have been delighted by the interest the community has shown in the project."

The group has collected a treasure-trove of Rayleigh-related artefacts, such as postcards, maps and books.

One prize possession is an eighteenth century bow window, from Kathleen's Hat and Gown shop.

A grant of £95,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund has helped the society's vision come true.

The museum will open to the public from 2pm on Saturday April 9.

Normal opening times from then will be Wednesday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday between 10am and 4pm.

Friends of the Museum will be invited to visit prior to the official opening.

→ Website:

rayleightownmuseum.co.uk

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Far left: Rayleigh Town Museum in the High Street, on the first floor of the oldest secular building in Rayleigh .

Left: Mike Davies with a mystery wooden item found during the conversion of the Rayleigh Town Museum in the High Street Rayleigh

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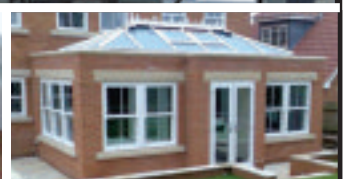
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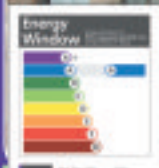
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Welcome... to town Essex book festival



CULTURE: Ann Duggans-Robson and her Pink Mouse Gang at the Essex Book Festival

SPECIAL REPORT

By Pat Higgins

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SOUTHEND writers will be showcasing their talent, this weekend as part of Essex Book Festival.

Southend Area Local Authors Day (SALAD) is at The Forum where writers will discuss their work with visitors.

The event is organised by Rayleigh writer Ann Duggans-Robson, who created the Pink Mouse Gang, and will be opened by borough mayor at 10am on Saturday.

She said: "This is the second time we have put on this show during the book festival, and this year we have two days



LAUNCH: Author Ann Duggans-Robson

instead of just one, and its a great chance to show what talent there is in Southend."

"I'm really pleased we will have a chance to show off literary talent – we don't too many chances to do this.

"When I used to help with Westcliff Art Trail I thought we really should have something

similar for writers – well now we have this."

The programme includes Dennis Thompson who brought the Greedy Fish to life and gave 2,000 of the book on line to schools and libraries.

Tessa and Louise Buckley will talk about editing and self publishing, as well as Louise's mystery for older children Eye Spy. Essex Hundred will there on both days with an Essex quiz and selection of curious tales.

Stephen Massie will give the low down on his trilogy of suspense thrillers and Neil Milton will discuss producing an audio book. Clare Littleford will introduce quick fire poetry and fiction from Undiscovered Showcase – some of the freshest voices in Southend.

Essex Book Festival Weekender

Saturday March 19

11am - Talk by Dennis Thompson, the author of The Greedy Fish.

12noon - Tessa and Louise Buckley will outline routes into getting published. Louise, an editor and possible future literary agent, will talk about editing and self-publishing.

1pm - 2pm The Essex Hundred Hour. John Debenham from Essex Hundred Publications will give a talk on the Hundreds of Essex followed by short video clips and the Essex Quiz, Where in Essex? Shirley Baker will chat about her book, Aeolus Ruler of the Winds.

2pm - Stephen Massie, the author of When Dreams Converge, will talk about his trilogy of suspense thrillers based on the experiences of two amateur sailors.

2:30pm - Neil Milton. Neil is an English lecturer at a FE college in Havering. He studied creative writing at the University of East Anglia.

He will talk about his debut novel, Who Wants a Rewind? along with the self-publishing process, 3pm - Clare Littleford of the Undiscovered Showcase, will present a selection of quickfire fiction and poetry from some of the freshest voices in Southend.

Sunday March 20

11am - Ann Duggans-Robson and the Pink Mouse Gang.

12noon - Tessa Buckley.

1pm - The Essex Hundred Hour, with John Debenham and Andrew Summers including Medical Advice from 1917, Magna Carta in Essex and a selection of curious Essex tales.

2pm - Stephen Massie on structuring novels.

2:30pm - Neil Milton author of Who Wants a Rewind? will follow up his on talk on Saturday. 3pm - Clare Littleford with more from the Undiscovered Showcase, quickfire fiction and poetry from some of the freshest voices in Southend.



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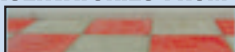
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NEWS

Paralympian inspires Southend NHS staff with passionate team talk

'Team values' a healthy goal on hospital wards



HOSPITAL values: (l-r) Richard Fowler, physiotherapist, Danny Crates, Kevin Grant, patient and Rebecca Luck, physiotherapist.

ESSEX paralympian Danny Crates unveiled a set of new values to staff at Southend Hospital.

The values – care with compassion, working together and being professional and accountable – were chosen by the employees after they had all been invited to share their standards and expectations.

Danny, one of the most successful British Paralympic athletes of recent times, talked about the power of values, and

they helped him achieve things against momentous odds.

Later he visited several wards and departments to raise awareness of the new values.

He told staff: "These values weren't set for you, they were chosen by you. You can either sit back or you can set new goals and ambitions, and that is what you have done and for me that is one of the key elements of being a success. Everyone needs a team round them to constantly evaluate

what you are doing and I wish team Southend Hospital every success with their new values." "we all have of each other."

Orsett born Danny Crates had been a keen rugby player before he lost his right arm in a horrific accident at just 21.

He moved into paralympic sport and quickly began to dominate, winning gold in the men's 800 meters T46 final at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games, a year which also saw him set a new world record.

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SHOW: Belle puts Ami through her paces

Belle and Ami win two prizes at Crufts

A RAYLEIGH schoolgirl is jumping for joy after she and her dog won two prizes at Crufts.

Belle Howlett and border collie Ami leapt to success in the Young Kennel Club Jumping Dog of the Year competition.

The 14-year-old pupil at Swayne Park School also collected the YKC award for sporting talent, which led to her nomination for the Shaun McAlpine Young Person of the Year Award at Crufts. Introduced by Shaun's parents, in his memory, the award recognises hard-working, inspirational and selfless actions of young dog lovers.

Belle, who is trained by mum Kate Howlett of K9 K8 Dog Agility Training, has also been selected to represent the GB Junior Team in the Junior European Dog Agility Championships in Slovakia in July.

Belle, Ami and her other competing dog Leia, are sponsored by dog food manufacturers Benyfit Natural. Company founder Ben Van Praagh, a leading gun dog trainer who has competed across the UK, said: "She is an outstanding and talented young person and we wish her the best of luck in the European Junior Championships."

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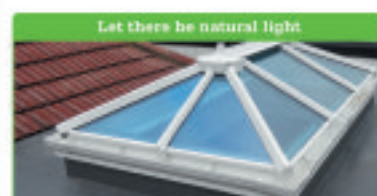
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Nurse in marathon mission for hospice

Liz Alderton hopes to celebrate turning 55 this year with five tough challenges she hopes will raise £5,555 for a children's hospice.

She already has the first under her belt, Chase the Yeti, an obstacle course through thick mud.

The district nurse, who was inspired to help Thundersley's Little Havens Hospice, because of the care it gave to her friend's son, is in training for her next event, the London Marathon on Sunday, April 24.

After that Liz will tackle a 15-mile mountain trail run, a triathlon and a London to Paris bike ride. It is not the first time she has linked a "big" birthday with a challenge, she "got nifty at fifty" at the London Marathon.

"As I was running round I thought to myself, normal people get drunk for their 50th, not limp through the streets of London, but I've since done another two."

She also marked half a century by passing her grade five piano exam and got a degree in palliative care.

Liz added: "Turning 55 this year I thought I would celebrate with a new challenge – or challenges. Chase the Yeti was really tough, it was 5km of mud, water, obstacles and temperatures of three degrees. I'm glad to have done it, but never again."

Louis Cooper, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2004 spent time at Little Havens before he died there on July 13, 2006 aged 10.

Liz, who lives in Ingatestone, said: "My son Joe went to school with Louis and when they were both eight my son got knocked over by a car. He survived but if the car had been going much faster he wouldn't have. At the same time Louis was diagnosed with a brain tumour and he died and it just didn't seem fair. It was a small school and everyone knew Louis. Since he was in Little Havens we always did our bit to help raise cash, holding carol concerts and bake sales. Then in 2011 I went and watched a friend



TARGET: Liz Alderton is determined to mark being 55 by raising £5,555 for Little Havens run the London Marathon and I decided I wanted to do it. I applied through the ballot but didn't get in so sent in an application to Havens Hospices and got a place."

Darren Cooper, Louis's dad, said: "Nickola and I have supported Liz for a number of years and attended several of the fundraising events that she puts on."

Liz said: "I'm slightly worried I won't reach my fundraising target. I've raised £1,600 so far and I've held a quiz night, curry night and a carol concert."

"Ingatestone is a small village and everyone knows everyone and they've all been so supportive which makes a huge difference."

To donate to Liz's cause go to her 5@55 challenge at her Just Giving webpage.

Give pier something to shout about

RE: Mark Annison's letter in the YA issue dated Feb 26.

I entirely agree with what he is saying. The pier is one of our biggest attractions but it has – nothing.

Take a look at Clacton or Brighton piers – they have attractions to bring people and keep people on them spending money.

Southend has a carbuncle plonked on the end of it, namely the corporate venue, and a privately-owned restaurant which members of the public are not allowed into.

What else is there for people to go there for?

It's time the council put the pride back onto our pier.

**Sue Diggins
Leigh-on-Sea**

No point in consultation

CAN anyone at Basildon Council tell us what use a public consultation on a local plan is if the same council is going to grant itself approval

to a major departure from the current position without waiting to consider public views on the changes?

I refer to the land between Jubilee Way and Rainwinter Avenue, Wickford, upon which consent has been given for 23 dwellings on what is at present an open space area acting as a green lung between the town centre and the residential development on The Wick.

It appears that a council report states: "There are a number of other amenity spaces providing opportunities for open space and recreation in the vicinity."

It appears that most of the Tory councillors fell for this.

Can the council explain what is the difference therefore between this land and the open space land at Sun Corner Billericay, surely the same argument can apply.

One can imagine the uproar from the same councillors if that was to happen. As a lifelong Tory voter I am beginning to wonder if the Basildon borough Tory members are more interested in obtaining money in the coffers than they are in exercising their responsibilities in ensuring that our towns pass to future generations with a layout and facilities that are both pleasing to the eye and a plea-

sure to reside in.

The Wick development may have many planning flaws, but at least the layout was designed to make an attractive link from the town centre to the residential area by a green open space lung. Now the link is to be by way of a bricks and mortar approach. If the council goes on like this, we will have a repeat of the North Circular Road which was designed the give traffic relief then development all along its frontage was allowed, destroying the original intention.

I doubt if we will ever get an answers, but we would like to know from the council:

1) How does it justify granting itself planning consent ahead of the local plan consultation?

2) Where are the alternative locations for the open space that will give the same open approach?

3) How does it justify destroying the green lung visual approach to the town?

4) What is the difference between the entry to Wickford and possible development at Sun Corner Billericay?

Or is this only Wickford again so far as most members are concerned?

**Norman Cornwell
Wickford**

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pointed out there were more men named John who were CEOs of FTSE 100 companies than women doing the same job.

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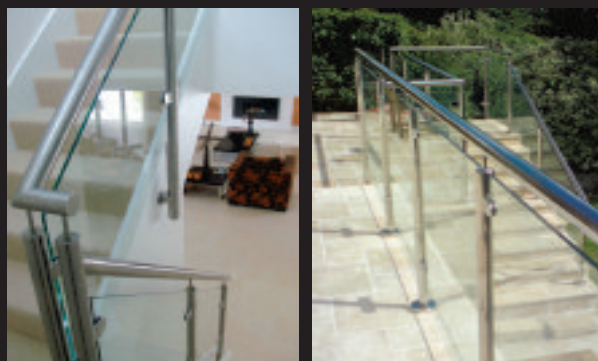
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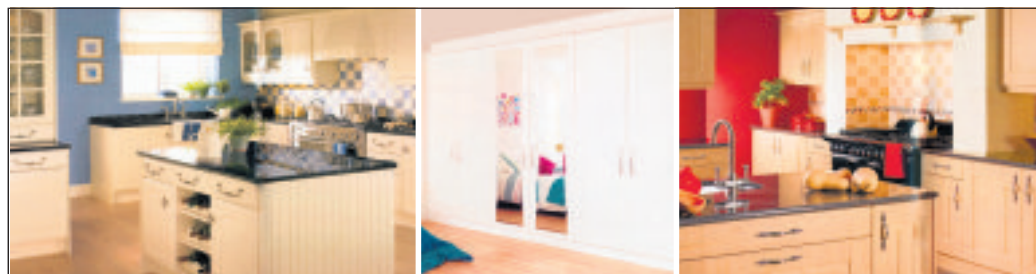
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Appeal after group of men rob man on Friday night

Underpass gang wanted by police

POLICE are hunting a gang who robbed a man in a Basildon underpass just 10 minutes after a failed robbery attempt on a group of three teenagers.

Police have appealed for a good samaritan who helped one of the victims to come forward and tell officers what she saw.

Essex Police said the gang of seven to eight men carried out the offences in the underpass which leads from Toys R Us to Asda in Basildon town centre.

At roughly 7.50pm on Friday, February 26, the men were on a bridge above the underpass and shout threats at three 15-year-old boys, ordering them to hand over money.

However, the boys ignored the threats and rode off.

Roughly 10 minutes later an 18-year-

old man was riding through the underpass when one of the suspects grabbed him from behind.

The man was held on the ground and punched, suffering a fractured nose.

The gang stole his cash and smashed his phone.

A woman stopped to help the man but had not yet spoken to police. Officers have urged her to come forward.

The suspects were all black and aged in their late teens to early 20s.

All wore 'puffa' style jackets; and black trousers. One wore a hat and another wore a 'camo design jacket'.

Police urged anyone with information to contact PC Danielle Hutton at Basildon CID by dialling 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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**What's on and
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Making your mind up

It may have been 35 years since a legendary skirt-ripping routine propelled Bucks Fizz into an overnight success, but hit songs like Making Your Mind Up still pull in the fans.

Originally put together as the perfect winning act, Bucks Fizz went far beyond their original Eurovision remit and as one of the biggest selling bands of the 80s became a global phenomenon.

Back in 1981 the band's line up - two boys, two girls, dance routines, harmonies and extravagant outfits - was classic Eurovision and their winning song, Making Your Mind Up, stormed the top of the charts around the world.

Selling more than four million copies, the song reached number one in nine countries beyond the UK.

Today, Cheryl Baker, Mike Nolan and Jay Aston, formerly of Bucks Fizz, are preparing to hit the road on a spring tour of the UK.

"I cannot believe it is 35 years since we won The Eurovision Song Contest," says Cheryl.

"We are looking forward to celebrating with fans old and new."

Like a good champagne, their performances have matured, and they still manage to hold all the fun, vitality and passion of performances of the record breaking tours of the 1980s. Recent appearances at the nostalgia festivals, including Here and Now, Rewind and Let's Rock, have reminded the great British public of the power of The Fizz, as every person in the crowd finds themselves singing along and dancing to hits of their youth.

Cheryl adds: "We recreate our familiar hits both vocally and visually which takes the audience on a nostalgic journey back to the 80's."

They will also be joined by another Eurovision veteran, Bobby McVay. Bobby, who appears as their guest vocalist, represented the UK in The Eurovision Song Contest in 1983, with the band Sweet Dreams. Their song, I'm Never Giving Up, secured a credible sixth place in the competition.



Formerly of
Bucks Fizz:
L-R Jay
Aston, Mike
Nolan, guest
vocalist
Bobby McVay
and Cheryl
Baker

As well as performing alongside Bobby at Basildon's Towngate Theatre on Wednesday, March 23, Cheryl, Mike and Jay, formerly of Bucks Fizz, will also be releasing their most recent album Fame & Fortune on vinyl in a collector's presentation box. They are also in the studio with a world-renowned producer recording yet another album - a collaboration that the fans will be thrilled about.

If musical theatre is your thing then why not catch Broadway classic - The Music

Man - at Thameside Theatre, Grays, from March 17-19.

Probably better known for the songs Seventy-Six Trombones and Till There Was You, sung by the Beatles in the late 60s, Meredith Willson's The Music Man is a colourful, funny production of beautifully crafted music and familiar tunes.

It focuses on the arrival in town of Professor Harold Hill, played by well-known local actor, Luke Coldham, from Blackshots Lane, Grays. As a conman of

the first order and salesman, he convinces the town and its council leaders to allow him to form a children's brass band by reminding them of all the "bad" that can go wrong.

His intention, to sell the instruments and then miraculously disappear from the town leaving the townsfolk holding a complete band of instruments with no one to teach the children.

But Harold's plot fails when he meets and falls in love with the town librarian, Marion, and their relationship is a fiery one. Harold is then forced to teach the children how to play even though he himself hasn't a single note of music teacher in him.

Performing in Thurrock since 1960, Thurrock Operatic Society, otherwise known as TOPS on Stage, have produced a show every year. Recently the group decided to stage two shows a year and this year's performances will include The Music Man, as well as Annie later in the year.

TOPS are made up of more than 50 local people including 15 children who form the Professors' band.

"The task of finding a complete set of instruments and band costumes was one of the greatest challenges with this show", explains Gary Sullivan, chairman of TOPS.

"Our wardrobe mistress was fortunate in finding a company in Southend who just happened to have the very thing required and with the very grateful support of Thurrock Music Services along with the Grays Convent School, we were able to muster enough instruments for the band."

The Music Man will march, in all its splendour on stage between Thursday and Saturday, March 17-19, with evening performances at 7.30 pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm.

To see Cheryl, Mike and Jay Aston, formerly of Bucks Fizz, alongside Bobby McVay at Basildon's Towngate Theatre on Wednesday, March 23, call the box office on 01268 465465 or visit www.towngate-theatre.co.uk, and to see The Music Man at Thameside Theatre, Grays, from March 17-19, call Marion Hunting on 01375 675591 or visit www.topstickets.co.uk

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End of the world as we know it

10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (15, 103 mins)

TWO'S company, three's a paranoia-riddled crowd in 10 Cloverfield Lane, a thrilling companion piece to the 2008 found footage sci-fi Cloverfield, which witnessed an otherworldly attack on New York City through the lens of a resident's camcorder.

The monsters in Dan Trachtenberg's suffocating three-hander are distinctly human but no less terrifying, driven to acts of violence and barbarity in the name of self-preservation.

"People are strange creatures. You can't always convince them that safety is in their best interest," pointedly muses one of the protagonists.

Josh Campbell, Matt Stuecken and Damien Chazelle's deliciously ambiguous script keeps us guessing about where that safety might be, constantly shifting the balance of power between characters whose ulterior motives are shrouded in mystery.

Every time we think we have a grasp on the slippery narrative, the film pulls another rug from under us, flinging us into a mire of nerve-jangling confusion.

The less you know about Trachtenberg's picture before the lights dim, the better.

In an affectionate nod to Hitchcock's Psycho, the director



Bunkered: John Goodman as Howard and Mary Elizabeth Winstead as Michelle

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cranks up the tension with opening shots of a young woman, Michelle (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), driving away from her old life in the city.

She stops for petrol and takes a pleading telephone call from her boyfriend Ben (voiced by Bradley

Cooper) shortly before her car spins out of control and plummets down a bank.

She regains consciousness in an underground bunker, at the mercy of a survivalist called Howard Stambler (John Goodman).

"You're lucky to be here at all,"

he informs Michelle cryptically.

As she regains her strength, Michelle learns that Howard saved her and his neighbour Emmett (John Gallagher Jr) shortly before a devastating global attack rendered the surface of the Earth uninhabitable.

The trio are safely cocooned within an airtight bunker, 40 feet below the polluted surface without any telephone signal, until the air is breathable again.

"How long do we have to wait?" asks Michelle.

"Depends on the proximity of the blast: one year, maybe two," speculates Howard.

The survivors have water, food and electricity thanks to Howard's ingenuity and immaculate forward planning, and make the best of a hellish situation.

However, Michelle isn't sure if she can trust everything that Howard tells her.

10 Cloverfield Lane is a polished masterclass in suggestion that sends chills down the spine with unsettling regularity.

Goodman is genuinely creepy as the conspiracy theorist who doesn't tolerate defiance of his rules in his underground lair.

"My generosity only extends so far," he growls.

Winstead and Gallagher Jr are equally strong as discombobulated house guests, who harbour secrets that could destroy them or set them free.

Trachtenberg's direction draws on the claustrophobic setting to plant seeds of doubt and suspicion, including a couple of thrilling action sequences with delightfully unexpected pay-offs.

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■ Marsh Farm's Giant Easter Egg Hunt:

Hop along to Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park for fun-packed Alice in Wonderland themed Easter activities from March 25th to April 8, including a huge Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter bunny has been stealing eggs from the chickens, so help the Mad Hatter collect tens of thousands of them in a four acre Easter themed garden, for a chocolate reward. Other characters include the Queen of Hearts and the Cheshire Cat.

* marshfarm.co.uk

■ Easter Fun in Saffron Walden:

Adventurers! Head to Audley End House from March 25-28. Meet characters from the past who will help you on your quest as you crack the clues and win a chocolate reward. An Easter Special will also be held at Audley End Miniature Railway. Take a train into the woods to visit the Easter Bunny and his friends and

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Audley End House:

* english-heritage.org.uk

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■ Easter Egg Hunt at Epping Ongar Railway:

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■ Easter Fun at Essex Wildlife Trust Reserves:

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12.30-2pm, on Friday, March 25, for £5 per child. The reserve will also be holding an Easter fun weekend from 11am to 1pm on March 26 and 27, when children can meet the Easter Bunny, grab an egg and enjoy a coconut shy, crafts, face painting and tractor rides. £5 for children and £1

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EASTER EGG HUNT and crafts at Ingrebourn Valley Visitor Centre, Hornchurch Country Park, from 11am to 3pm on Easter Sunday. Call 01708 520364. £7 per child.

EASTER EGG HUNT Langdon Visitor Centre in Basildon from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, March 27. £6 per person. Booking is recommended on 01268 419103.

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Saturday, March 19
■ Jumble Sale - Belfairs Methodist Church, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4NG. 1pm Stalls, bric-a-brac, clothes, toys, books, etc. Details 01268 558756.
■ Spring Fayre - Salvation Army, Corringham Road, Stanford le Hope. Nearly new, books, jewellery, toys. 10.30am to noon. 01375 671990.
■ South East Essex Ramblers - six-mile walk, RSPB Bowers Marshes Nature Reserve. 10am, meet in free council car park, Hope Road, Benfleet. SS7 5JN. Contact Graham 07860 738777.
■ Hot Cross Bun Morning - Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, Canvey Island. 10.30am-12.30pm. Stalls, cakes, cards and crafts. Details 01268 683551.
■ Basildon Saturday Club - For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
■ Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 6EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07965 671289.
■ Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
■ Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
■ Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome, 01277 627043.
■ Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
■ Concert - The Choir For All Seasons:

Beautiful Baroque, a concert of Bach, Handel, Purcell and Vivaldi. United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Billericay, 7.30pm. Tickets £7. 01277 656935, from Brown Sugar, High Street, Billericay, or on the door.
■ Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, March 20
■ South East Essex Ramblers - 5.5-mile walk, Doggetts walk north towards Canewdon. 10am. Free council car park, Doggetts Close, Rochford, SS41 AQ. Details Graham 07860 738777.
■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
■ Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ. 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
■ King's Church Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
■ Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
■ Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
■ Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11am, details Mo 07757 658799 or 07842 211218.
Monday, March 21
■ Games Club - St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
■ Ron Spack's Jazzett - Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. Dave Jago trombone/Mike Sagrott guitar. 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
■ Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
■ Club 50+ - 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
■ Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Felmeares area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
■ Dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
■ Leigh Scrabble Club - 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Senior Citizens Club - Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
■ Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Over-50s Keep-fit Classes - Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
■ Over-50s session - Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
■ Activity Session for adults with special needs - 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
■ Duplicate Bridge - Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
■ Duplicate Bridge - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
■ Weekly Craft Workshop - St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Club, 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371, email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
■ Zumba - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
■ Beginners Computer Course - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh - welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
■ Short Mat Bowls - in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Pittaval Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend. Ray 01268 777666.
■ Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-

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4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
■ Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
■ Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
■ Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, 7.30pm, £3, all profits to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, 01268 691922.
■ Healing in Basildon - 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSS healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
■ Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
■ Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
■ Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
Tuesday, March 22
■ IT help sessions - Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
■ Magic: The Gathering Club - play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.
■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - call 01702 345156 or 343121.
■ Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £3, 01702 715111.
■ Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £5, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
■ Social Dance Class - instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
■ Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
■ Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm.

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■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Ced's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Anne 01702 556470.
■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.
■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.
■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30. 01268 465854.
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 3.30-5.30pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre,

Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.
■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, March 23

■ South East Essex Ramblers – 10.5-mile walk, Little Burstead to Herongate, meet 9.15am. Contact walk leader if you intend to meet at start rather than the car share meeting place, SS11 8SN. Car share from Rawreth Lane recreation ground car park, Rayleigh, SS11 8SN. Walk via Hutton Hall. Pub lunch stop Contact John 07870 322290. Five-mile walk, meet at 10am at Southend Leisure Centre Garons, back of car park opposite main entrance, SS2 4FA. Nice easy walk from Garons to Southchurch Hall Park return via Southchurch Park. Contact Ted 01702 619132.
■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867
■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

Win VIP concert tickets and meet Peter Andre

THE Southend-on-Sea Priory Park Concerts are back for summer 2016 and we are giving away a "money cannot buy" prize.

Three consecutive nights of fabulous music, memories and more start on Friday, July 1, with everyone's favourite singer and sequin-clad Strictly hooper, Peter Andre.

He will perform his greatest hits, including number one singles, Mysterious Girl, Flava and I Feel You, and the evening will be supported by Forever Jackson, the ultimate Michael Jackson experience.

The YA has teamed up with event organisers to give away a special VIP pair of tickets to the evening, which include a special meet-and-greet with the man himself, as well as access to a VIP area at the front of the stage all evening, a glass of prosecco on arrival, chocolates on the tables, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, waitress service and private pay bar.

The concerts continue on Saturday, July 2, with classic soul music from the 70s and 80s, when headliners The Real Thing will be



HOT DATE: Peter Andre is appearing at Southend's Priory park

C: Three

To enter the competition telephone your answer – A, B or C – to (0901 307 1697) with your name, address, telephone number and email. Alternatively text YAPETER (space) followed by A, B or C, and your name, full address and email to 63333. Calls cost 50p per call plus your phone company's access charge. Calls from mobiles will cost considerably more.

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Lines close on Thursday, March 24. Entries received after the closing date will not be counted but may still be charged.

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T&Cs: Prize is for a pair of tickets to the Peter Andre concert on Friday, July 1, 2016.

There is no cash alternative, prize must be taken on Friday, July 1, and entrants must be aged 18 or over.

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A day later there will be a Last Night of the Proms concert of classical music with the British Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tickets for each of the three evenings are £25 (plus a booking fee) and are on sale via The Cliffs Pavilion box office by calling 01702

351135 or from southendtheatres.org.uk.

To win a VIP night out and a meet-and-greet with Peter Andre on Friday, July 1, just answer this question.

Q: Over how many nights will the Southend-on-Sea Priory Park Concerts take place?

**A: One
B: Two**

double crossword

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

6. Though a biblical character, he gets involved with Islam (7)
7. Kind of crossing that's not bumpy either way (5)
9. About to bet on a race (5)
10. Discussed a document about the club (7)
12. Provided by an assistant manual labourer? (7,4)
14. Confidential account written by a convict? (6,5)
18. Figured material for a bounder in restyled robe (7)
19. Go up an octave (5)
21. Pretends to be a radio operator in a ship (5)
22. Should have been paid on top of the fee (7)

DOWN

1. He'll put you in your place (5)
2. Transfix one man when the leader of the party intervenes (6)
- 3 and 11Dn. Covers for dormitory feasts? (10)
4. An angelic turn of phrase (6)
5. Humiliates me when clerics are around (7)
8. Essential prescription for a tonic! (7)
11. See 3 Down.
13. Shrewd interpolation in any lawless state (7)
15. Revenue from company in mine reconstruction (6)
16. It may get broken - put it down (6)
17. Bread for the meal? Just the reverse (5)
20. One appearing in Genesis and Revelations (3)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

6. Handcuff (7)
7. Deign (5)
9. Swoon (5)
10. Moreover (7)
12. Deception (11)
14. Coiffeur (11)
18. First (7)
19. Knave (5)
21. Frighten (5)
22. Need (7)

DOWN

1. Heathen (5)
2. Harvest (6)
3. Cunning (3)
4. Contention (6)
5. Strength (7)
8. Petition (7)
11. Cautious (7)
13. Vagary (7)
15. Comment (6)
16. Departure (6)
17. Haste (5)
20. Fresh (3)

Last week's solutions

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Play-acting; 7 Torch; 8 Distaff; 11 Lessened; 21 Pain; 22 Maples; 15 No-bell; 17 Tide; 18 Transcept; 14 Solvent; 22 Table; 23 Free-loader
Down: 1 Fans; 2 Mithrae; 3 Addle; 4 Trick; 5 Niagara; 6 Down; 1 Shing; 2 Parallel; 3 Locate; 4 Cane; 5 Turbine; 6 Opprobrium; 9 Leckwaste; 12 Demolish; 14 Dictate; 16 Furrow; 19 Ortop; 20 Iddi.

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of entertainment such as tribute nights. Up-and-coming tribute nights, which include a four-course set meal, include Phil Collins on Friday, April 22, at £24.95 per head.

Throughout 2016 diners are invited to party at the Blue Chutney thanks to its Drinks Promotion every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

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Again table bookings in advance required. The Blue Chutney, which also offers a full takeaway service with free local delivery, is open Monday to Sunday lunchtime from noon to 2pm, as well as from 5.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Thursday; 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and from 5pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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If you want to join an Easter egg hunt, see spring arrivals at a farm or make the most of the holidays in a different way, check out some of these venues.

Tropical Wings Zoo, South Woodham Ferrers, will hold an Easter Eggstravaganza from Good Friday, March 25, to Sunday, April 10. The zoo has a host of fun planned for all the family including an eggcellent quiz trail, competitions, crafts, entertainment and amazing animal encounters.

Meet spring babies and see how lemurs, meerkats, coatis, and the squirrel monkeys hunt, eat and play with their own special Easter treats.

This is all on top of animal encounters with zookeeper eggsperts and exciting new displays including the Wild Earth show and Emperors of the Sky bird display.

Delve into a bit of history at **Kelvedon Hatch Secret Nuclear Bunker near Brentwood**, and explore a base designed to house 600 military and civilian staff, and even the Prime Minister, whose main task would have been to organise the survival of the population in the aftermath of a nuclear war.

Extend your visit by trying the high rope adventure course on Site M. Rope Runners will hold an Easter Egg Hunt from Good Friday to Easter Monday. The pole-based adventure course in the tree tops is one of many attractions on offer and you can also try your aim at archery, shoot air rifles, hone your paintball target skills on a practice range or test your nerve in the unfinished tunnels of the bunker.

Find a hidden egg around the course or activity



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Hockley £975 pcm

2 bed house located in a very convenient location close to Rochford mainline station in Liverpool Street and the village centre. The property benefits from fitted kitchen, recently fitted bathroom suite, good size lounge and a garage in a block, viewing essential. No Pets. No Housing benefit. No Smokers. Available mid April 2016.



South Fambridge £1,400 pcm

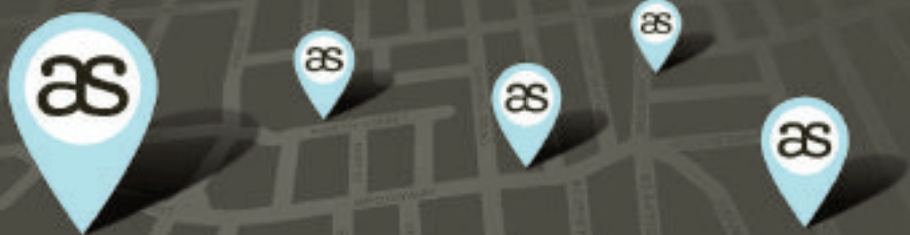
4 bed detached family home. The property includes three reception rooms, utility room, en-suite, family bathroom. To the side of the property there is an additional garden area as well as a double garage. Viewing essential. Working applicants only, no pets. Available late March 2016.



Southend on Sea £224,995

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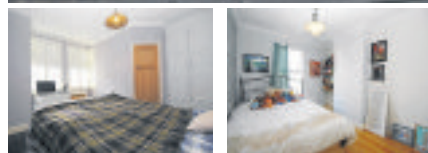


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Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this beautiful two bedroom ground floor flat, in one of our favourite roads on the Marine Estate. The flat benefits from off street parking for two cars, West facing rear garden and the freehold for both flats. Internally the flat boasts lots of character and has enough room in the hall way to have dinner parties.



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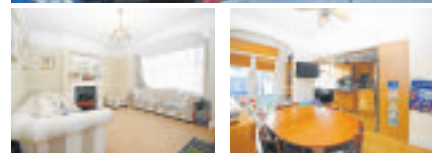


South of the London Road £440,000

Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this outstanding example of a turn of the century character three double bedroom family home. The house has been greatly improved by the current vendors and now comprises of open plan lounge/diner, a superb kitchen breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room and a contemporary four piece bathroom suite.



Beautiful



South of the London Road £525,000

This beautiful four bedroom semi detached family home is situated South of the London Road. The property offers versatile accommodation with a modern fitted kitchen with built in appliances which is open to the dining room, with a separate lounge to the front. There is also a utility/shower room on the ground floor. To the first floor there are four bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally there is a garden room which is currently being used as an office but could be used for many other reasons.

Leigh-On-Sea £385,000

Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this stunning three bedroom house which has views over Old Leigh and the Estuary from the lounge that is on the first floor. The property has the living accommodation on the first floor to take advantage of the glorious views and a sun terrace to sit out and enjoy. The three bedrooms and bathroom are situated on the ground floor. To the rear of the property there is also a small decked area off the kitchen.



Views

Southend-On-Sea £300,000

Ashleigh Stone have been favored with instructions to offer for sale this immaculately presented semi detached house situated in Southend, within easy reach of rail links into London on the Liverpool Street line and also Southend's shopping facilities.



New

Leigh-On-Sea £359,995

This lovely three bedroom house has a wonderful family feel to it. The property benefits from open plan living downstairs, and is perfect for entertaining or being together as a family. With a West backing garden, you can maximise on time spent outside throughout the year. The property has off street parking to the front and a modern fitted kitchen.



New

Chalkwell £575,000

On offer here is a well-presented four bedroom semi-detached property, which is suitable for commuters with access to London from Chalkwell Station. The property has the rarity of three reception rooms and no onward chain.



New

Leigh-On-Sea £875pcm

Ashleigh Stone Lettings are pleased to offer this modern two double bedroom duplex apartment, which offers all the functionality of a modern flat with an open plan lounge & kitchen, ground floor cloakroom and a modern bathroom. The apartment is located at the rear so is protected from the noise of the London road and comes with parking.



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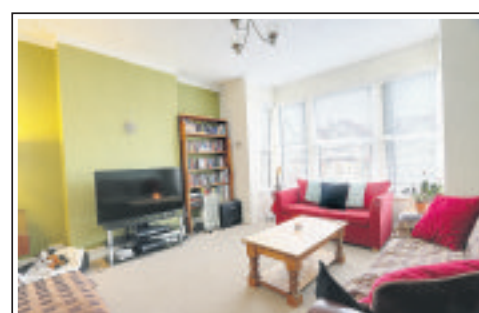


Hermitage Road Westcliff

Four Bedrooms £400,000

Guide Price £400,000 - OPEN DAY Saturday 19th March 12pm - 1.30pm A beautiful period home located in this sought after turning within walking distance of Hamlet Court Road's extensive shopping facilities, the beach and mainline railway station giving direct access to London Fenchurch Street. Offering two separate reception rooms plus an impressive open plan kitchen/diner which leads to the rear garden. The first floor boasts four well-appointed bedrooms, estuary views and a luxury bathroom.

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Two Bedrooms £230,000

GUIDE PRICE £230,000- £240,000 A great first time purchase or buy to let investment opportunity with this surprisingly spacious three bedroom first floor apartment which has an allocated parking space along with direct access down to its own west backing rear garden. This wonderful property offers a spacious lounge, two double bedrooms plus a useful third bedroom/study and a modern bathroom suite with separate cloakroom.

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Three Bedrooms £249,995

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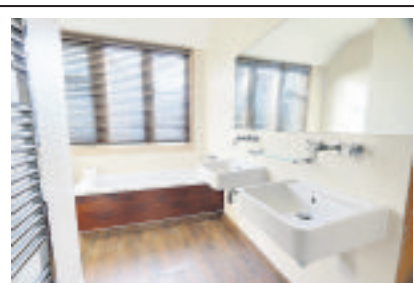
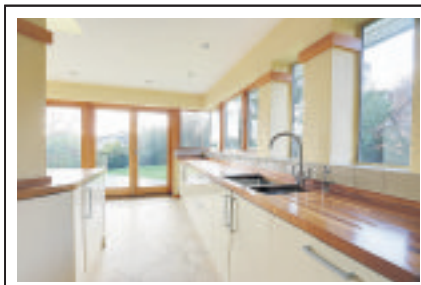
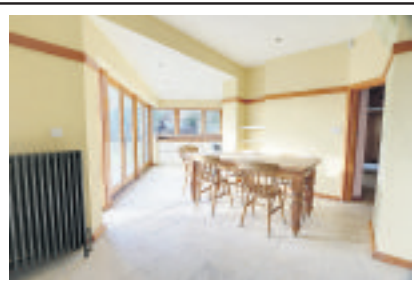
Three Bedrooms £325,000

Guide Price £325,000 to £350,000 Situated in this convenient location is this deceptively detached family home which boasts ample off street along with a detached double garage. This attractive double fronted property also offers two large reception rooms.

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Leigh Cliff Road Leigh on Sea Five Bedrooms £1,000,000

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Two Bedrooms £310,000

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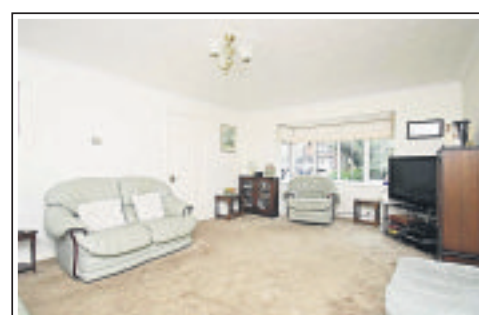


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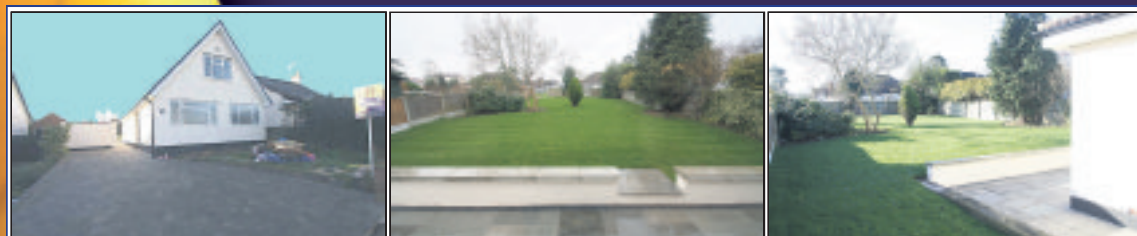
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TO LET



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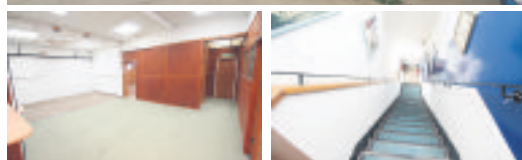
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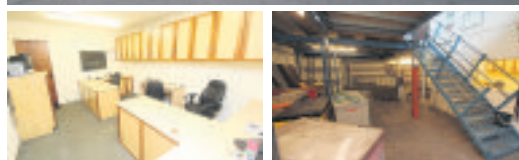


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- * 3pce Bathroom Suite
- * EPC Band E



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MARKET



HADLEIGH £329,995

- * Popular turning close to town centre and woodland
- * Two/three bedroomed detached chalet
- * Large lounge & separate dining room/gf 3rd bedroom
- * Good size kitchen
- * Two first floor double bedrooms & shower room
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NEW INSTRUCTION
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£210,000



NEW PRICE
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£290,000



NEW PRICE
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NEW PRICE
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£200,000



NEW PRICE
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HADLEIGH £320,000

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- Ground floor cloakroom

16 Feb 2016 Hannah

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Southend On Sea £680 pcm



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Thundersley £725 pcm



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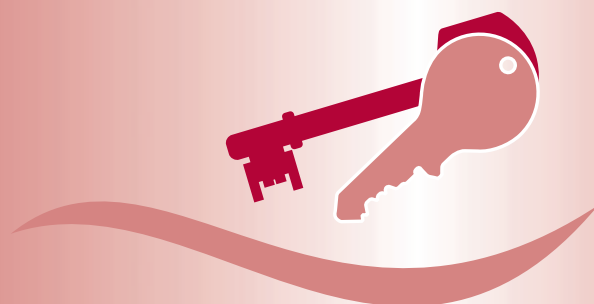



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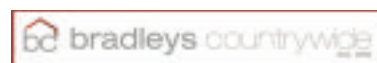
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Styling makeover for Toyota Auris

By Robin Roberts

TOYOTA must be as pleased as punch with its knockout Auris Hybrid, now further improved.

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No other car manufacturer offers such a comprehensive range of hybrids and make no mistake they are not a compromise between economy and enjoyment, but a statement you can have both without paying the earth.

The revised range comes in hatchback or Touring estate styles from £15,245 and £16,345 respectively.

Using petrol engines built on Deeside, the Auris Hybrid marries conventional internal combustion engine with a battery and an electric motor, all linked and managed through a range of sensors and controlled by an on-board computer, to extract a most economical method of propulsion.

Two body-styles for the petrol hybrid come in five bespoke trim levels, so there is something for everyone from retail to business users who want to make the most of the tax advantages.

You can also specify Toyota Safety Sense



GREEN MACHINE: Toyota Auris 1.8 Hybrid Business Edition CVT

versions with additional driving aids to help prevent or mitigate collisions and a very sophisticated and smart infotainment system with seven-inch screen on the console.

The powertrain comes out of the Prius with some modifications but essentially it's the same and very good as a result.

Start off in EV mode and it's absolutely silent until the petrol engine purrs into play but even then it's not noisy unless you blast away. The CV-transmission can whine a bit but not excessively and it pulls well, cruises quietly and can even be held in a sporting mode to make the most of the power so it moves from economy to normal and then sporting.

The pure-electric mode is good for only a few miles before the battery depletes and

you seamlessly and automatically engage the petrol engine, which immediately starts recharging the system topped up by regenerative-braking.

If you have a lot of miles to do regularly, the hybrid is probably a better proposition than pure electric power which needs a charging point.

In give and take driving you have to anticipate overtaking opportunities and carefully select the sporting mode to cut down time, and don't be put off by the sudden rise in powertrain noise.

Cruising it was much quieter and composed and we achieved a good economy figure.

Handling was fairly flat and uninspiring, safe and sure but not nippy or agile, and you

could hear the suspension coping with the bumps under the wheels but its ride is better than before.

Inside it was basic with good access throughout and adjustment on the front seats. Room is fine for four or five with a decent bootspace from 435 to 1199 litres.

New seats and a softer touch to the facia have improved the functional look while outside there are new LED lights, bumpers and trim.

Visibility is good to the front and sides, although I would like brighter headlights despite being LED units now, but there are blindspots when pulling out and reversing.

The latest revised Toyota Auris is a step up, but it still lacks a sort of "oh-ah, nice car" response from passengers, and it's likely to make the driver contented with a good greener-motoring smile.

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PCP Finance From: £172.35* p/m
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PCP Finance From: N/A
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PCP Finance From: £119.50* p/m
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Alloy Wheels, 72k Miles

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PCP Finance From: £170.91* p/m
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Diesel, Manual, Grey, Alloy Wheels,
A/C, 114k Miles

Cash Price: £7,900 | Deposit: £0.00
PCP Finance From: £143.35* p/m
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PCP Finance From: £204.14* p/m
HP Finance From: £270.33* p/m



2008 VOLKSWAGEN TOURAN TDI
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PCP Finance From: N/A
HP Finance From: N/A



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PCP Finance From: N/A
HP Finance From: £194.98* p/m



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PCP Finance From: N/A
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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL – COUNCIL TAX LEVELS 2016/17

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council at a meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016 determined the following Council Tax:

BAND	VALUATION FOR BAND	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Adult Social Care Precept	Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	Essex Fire Authority	Total for Unparished areas	Leigh Town Council	Total for Southend-on-Sea Town Council Area
A	Up to £40,000	£788.43	£15.45	£101.40	£45.12	£950.40	£30.18	£980.58
B	£40,000 to £52,000	£919.83	£18.03	£118.30	£52.64	£1,108.80	£35.21	£1,144.01
C	£52,000 to £68,000	£1,051.24	£20.60	£135.20	£60.16	£1,267.20	£40.24	£1,307.44
D	£68,000 to £88,000	£1,182.64	£23.18	£152.10	£67.68	£1,425.60	£45.27	£1,470.87
E	£88,000 to £120,000	£1,445.45	£28.33	£185.90	£82.72	£1,742.40	£55.33	£1,797.73
F	£120,000 to £160,000	£1,708.26	£33.48	£219.70	£97.76	£2,059.20	£65.39	£2,124.59
G	£160,000 to £320,000	£1,971.07	£38.63	£253.50	£112.80	£2,376.00	£75.45	£2,451.45
H	£320,000 plus	£2,365.28	£46.36	£304.20	£135.36	£2,851.20	£90.54	£2,941.74

R TINLIN,
Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic 1, Civic Campus, Victoria Avenue,
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Dated: 17 March 2016

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

((OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2005) (AS AMENDED)
(AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER 2016

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(As Amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and The Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by the amendment of the permitted charging hours as listed below.

A copy of the proposed Order, and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours.

Any representations to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to the **Corporate Director for Place and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 7th April 2016.**

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AMENDMENT

CURRENT TIMES	WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 2016
9am to 6pm Monday to Saturday & 11am to 5pm Sundays	All Charges are operational from 9am to 6pm daily except for Shorefield Road Car Park (9am - 9pm daily) and any other parking area as signed on site.

Bank Holidays	Off-street parking bays are operational on Bank Holidays and charges apply except Christmas Day and Good Friday.
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(CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005
(as amended) (AMENDMENT NO.1) ORDER 2016

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NEW CHARGES FOR OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council under Sections 35c and 46a of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended by Sections 41 and 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 by this notice of variation hereby varies the Orders listed below so that the existing charges relating to the use of On-Street and Off-Street Parking Places as set out in the Schedules to those Orders are now revised and superseded by the new charges (where changed) as set out below. The new charges will come into force on **1st April 2016.**

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Seaway	Up to 3 hours	£4.20	£3.20
	Up to 4 hours	£6.60	£5.00
	Up to 5 hours	£8.30	£6.30
	Up to 6 hours	£10.20	£7.70
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	Charges in On-Street and Off-Street Parking Areas not listed in the schedules above have not been increased.
Christmas Parking	To provide free parking in all Town Centre Council car parks after 16:00hrs on Thursdays and all day on Sundays in December.
On-Street & Off Street Charging Areas	All Charges are operational from 9am to 6pm daily except for Shorefield Road Car Park (9am - 9pm daily) and any other parking area as signed on site.
Bank Holidays	Car parks and On-street parking bays are operational on Bank Holidays and charges apply except Christmas Day and Good Friday.
Electric Cars	Free Parking in Council car parks in dedicated electric car charging bays whilst charging.

A copy of the Notice, with the effected parking areas to which the notice relates to, may be inspected at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours and on the Councils website.

R TINLIN
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Away win keeps Shrimpers in touch with play-off places

Southend United

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SOUTHEND United gained a hard-fought victory at a spring-like Oakwell in this League One six-pointer.

Blues came into the match with one win in six games, a record which was in contrast to the Yorkshire side's one loss in ten.

Manager Phil Brown made three changes, with Adam Thompson in for Cian Bolger, Glen Kamara in for Will Atkinson and Kevan Hurst making a rare start in place of the injured David Worrall.

Blues started brightly with Jack Payne catching the eye early on and he showed his fine recent form was no fluke as he collected Daniel Bentley's long clearance, showed quick feet and scored low to the keeper's right hand with a smart finish.

Only four minutes had gone and the Blues were ahead. A purple patch followed with Anthony Wordsworth hitting the bar and Barnsley's keeper Adam Davies having to work overtime to keep the Essex side at bay. On 23 minutes a through ball had the

Blues goalkeeper Bentley upending Ashley Fletcher and lucky to receive only a yellow card. Barnsley captain Conor Hourihane took charge but sent his penalty wide. Half-time arrived with the Blues deservedly ahead, but regretting their missed chances.

Barnsley came back into the game in the second half and made changes, but the Shrimpers defence held firm, with fresh legs supplied by substitutes Stephen McLaughlin, Atkinson and finally Michael Timlin, who celebrated his appearance with a stunning strike in injury time to seal the points.

The Blues stay 10th in League One, but remain in touch with the play-off places, with a vital home game against Gillingham to come on Saturday, March 19.

Barnsley: Davies, G Williams (Smith 79), Roberts, Mawson, Connolly, Chapman (Winnall 56), Brownhill, Hourihane, Hammill, Fletcher (Tuton 87), Watkins. Substitutes: Nyatanga, Scowen, Townsend, Khan. **Southend:** Bentley, White, Thompson, Barrett, Coker, Deegan, Payne, Wordsworth (McLaughlin 69), Hurst (Atkinson 83), Kamara (Timlin 87), Barnett. Substitutes: Smith, McQueen, Loza, O'Neill. **Referee:** Brendan Malone. **Attendance:** 9,903



STUNNING STRIKE: Michael Timlin

Late Martial strike ruins Hammers' celebrations

West Ham United

Manchester United 1 West Ham United 1 FA Cup sixth round

Brian Jeeves reporting from Old Trafford WEST Ham face an Upton Park replay to decide whether they will reach a Wembley FA Cup semi-final after Anthony Martial's late goal cancelled out Dimitri Payet's brilliant strike.

Man United's form has not reached the heights demanded by the club's fervent support, while Thursday's disappointing Europa League defeat at Liverpool cranked up the pressure on the Reds Dutch chief.

Meanwhile, showing just how far this West Ham team have come under Slaven Bilic, many of the 9,000 travelling Hammers fans believed their team arrived at Old Trafford as favourites to book a semi-final berth.

With so much at stake it was a raucous atmosphere that greeted the teams. Marouane Fellaini nodded an early chance over, while Jesse Lingard slashed wide as the hosts looked for an early breakthrough. In response, Andy Carroll's snapped wide, while Emenike was a whisker away as the Hammers began to settle.

West Ham were clearly playing with the greater freedom. Carroll headed just too high after Aaron Cresswell had picked him out with pinpoint accuracy.

But United reminded them that a wounded animal is at its most dangerous as Lingard fired wide with keeper Darren Randolph fully extended.

West Ham passed up a glorious opportunity to break the deadlock when Emenike headed

into David De Gea's gloves after Cresswell and Payet had combined down the right.

United were struggling to make any significant headway against a resilient Hammers rearguard.

Both Lingard and Ander Herrera fired horribly off-target as the Reds continued to snatch at whatever rare sighting of goal they got.

The mood around Old Trafford was one of frustration as West Ham comfortably withstood the hosts' feeble attack.

West Ham continued to ask questions after the restart, with De Gea forced into an unorthodox punch clear as Michail Antonio drove in from the right, meanwhile Fellaini's quick thinking denied Carroll a clear sight of goal.

United finally offered some resistance, but Martial's header was scrambled away by Angelo Ogbonna, then Daley Blind tested Randolph with a dead-ball effort.

Awkward as they had looked, United were now enjoying their best spell of the match. The lively Lingard was denied by Randolph.

However, at the other end, West Ham believed they should have been awarded a spot-kick after Payet appeared to be felled by Marcos Rojo.

But with little over 25 minutes remaining West Ham took the lead. Payet brilliantly bent his free-kick over the United wall and beyond De Gea via an upright.

Manchester United can never be underestimated and with just six minutes remaining they drew level. Martial arrived at the far post to fire home after Herrera's delicious cross had picked him out.

West Ham were far from happy with the

goal, believing Bastian Schweinsteiger had impeded Randolph in the build-up.

In the final stages both teams exchanges chances. Michael Carrick was a whisker away for United with a blistering strike, while Payet tested De Gea's resolve with a low drive that the Spanish keeper pushed behind.

Speaking after the game, a slightly disappointed Bilic said: "The dressing room after the game was kind of silent. We are a little bit disappointed because we were there - a few minutes.

"It is difficult to play here in front of 75,000 fans. They have a special kind of confidence, but it's going to be different at Upton Park."

United chief Louis van Gaal said: "The first 15 minutes I thought that West Ham were the better team. But we came back into the match. "In the second half we were the better team."

West Ham now turn their attention back to the Barclays Premier League on Saturday, March 19, when they travel to Stamford Bridge to face Chelsea (3pm).

Manchester United: David De Gea, Marcos Rojo, Anthony Martial, Chris Smalling, Michael Carrick (Capt), Daley Blind, Ander Herrera, Marouane Fellaini (Memphis), Guillermo Varela (Matteo Darmian), Jesse Lingard, Marcus Rashford (Bastian Schweinsteiger) Subs not used: Adnan Januzaj, Sergio Romero, Morgan Schneiderlin, Ro-Shaun Williams

West Ham United: Darren Randolph, Winston Reid (Pedro Obiang), Aaron Cresswell, Cheikhou Kouyate, Andy Carroll (Enner Valencia), Mark Noble (Capt), Angelo Ogbonna, Dimitri Payet, Manuel Lanzini, Emmanuel Emenike (Diafra Sakho), Michail Antonio. Subs not used: Alex Song, Adrian, Joey O'Brien, Victor Moses

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Non-league round-up

Bowers keep their Vase hopes alive

By Brian Jeeves

BOWERS & Pitsea are just ninety minutes away from an FA Vase final appearance at Wembley Stadium after a dramatic 2-2 draw with Northumberland outfit Morpeth Town in the semi-final first leg.

Due to Bowers' Len Salmon Stadium pitch being unplayable, the tie was switched to Concord Rangers Aspect Arena, and it was the visitors who took an early liking to the unfamiliar surroundings, grabbing a 2-0 half-time lead thanks to goals from Sean Taylor and Michael Chilton.

But Rob Small's Bowers side simply don't know when they are beaten, and second half strikes from Lewis Manor and a last minute Alfie Hilton strike ensured the Essex Senior league side travel to Northumberland with their Wembley dreams very much still alive.

In the Essex Senior League, Bowers local rivals Basildon United made sure they weren't to be outdone by thrashing Newham FC 5-0 at Gardiners Close, and there was a 4-1 win for FC Romania at Tower Hamlets.

Clapton edged out Southend Manor by a single goal at the Old Spotted Dog, while Waltham Forest had a 2-1 win over Takeley. The big derby between Ilford and Barking at the Cricklefield Stadium ended in a hard fought 1-1 draw, and it was the same outcome between Stansted and Wadham Lodge, and Sawbridgeworth Town and Greenhouse London.

It was a successful day for our National League South sides. Jack Bridge (2), Billy Bricknell and Luke Daley helped Chelmsford City to a resounding 4-1 win over Maidenhead UNited at the Melbourne Stadium. James Comley replied for the Berkshire side. And Concord Rangers also impressed on their travels. Steve Cawley, John Easterford and a last minute Steve King goal saw the Beach Boys win 3-2 at Gosport Borough.

In the Ryman Premier Division Jordan Cox bagged a hat trick and Glenn Poole added another as Billericay Town hammered high flying Dulwich Hamlet 4-1 at New Lodge, and a first half strike from Tom Richardson was enough to earn Brentwood Town a 1-0 victory at Staines Town.

Cliff Akurang grabbed a brace as Canvey Island shared the spoils at Hendon, the eventual outcome a 2-2 draw. However, it wasn't such a good day for a couple of the regions other Premier Division sides. Grays Athletic went down by two goals to nil at home to Leiston, Gareth Heath and Jake Taylor on target for the visitors. And despite an early Sam Higgins penalty, promotion chasing East Thurrock United went down by the odd goal in three at Leatherhead.

In Ryman League Division One North Kurt Smith (2) and Neil Richmond found the net as Tilbury saw off Bury Town 3-1 at Chad Fields. Lewis Godbold hit the only goal as Heybridge Swifts edged out Barking-side, and it was the same outcome at Harlow Town where Terry Rymer's strike earned visitors Brightlingsea Regent the points.

Perry Dunn and former Southend United man Kyle Asante helped Aveley to an impressive 2-1 success at AFC Hornchurch. David Knight replied for the Urchins. Meanwhile Sam Newton and Ben Wyatt eased Maldon & Tiptree to a 2-0 win at Romford.

Thurrock were involved in an exciting 2-2 draw at Haringey Borough, David Cowley and Harry Agombar with the goals for the Ship Lane side. But there were big defeats for rock-bottom Redbridge, who crashed 5-0 at Dereham Town, and Great Wakering Rovers, who despite a Jay Nash goal, lost 5-1 at AFC Sudbury.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League Premier Division. Harold Wood Athletic saw off Rayleigh Town 1-0, while Harold Hill won 3-0 at Newbury. In Division One Basildon Town saw off Old Chelmsfordians by the odd goal in three. Leigh Ramblers were 2-1 winners over Canning Town and Runwell Hospital won an entertaining clash with Old Southendian 4-2.

Big winners in Division Two were Rochford Town who were 6-1 winners at Westhamians. In Division Three Benfleet easily bagged the points with a 4-0 win over Southend Sports.

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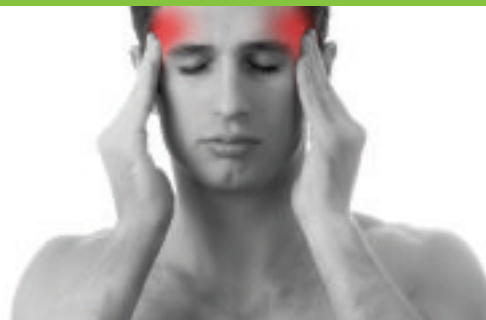
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